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Pilot school to be set up in every thana

By A Staff Reporter

State Minister for Education Mr. Abdul Baten informed the Parliament on Wednesday that Government planned to establish a pilot school in every thana of the rural areas of the country at a total cost of Taka 21 crore.

Replying to a question of Mr A S M Solaiman (GF-Dacca) the Minister said that these schools would normally be set up within one mile of the thana headquarter.

Replying to a supplementary from Mr. A S M Firoz (AL-Malek-Patuakhali) the State Minister said maximum allocation and average allocation for each school would be Taka 5 lakh and Taka 3 lakh respectively.

Replying to a supplementary on whether any new primary school would be set up and how many if the Government had any such programme, asked by a BNP member, the Minister said that a plan in this regard was under consideration of the Government.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Replying to a supplementary from Mr. Siddiqueur Rahman (BNP-Dacca), the State Minister said that there was a programme to help repair the private Secondary schools in the areas where the Government had a relief programme.

When Mr. M R Sadi Chowdhury (JSD-Sylhet) suggested taking over of the existing private Secondary Schools rather than setting up new ones, the State Minister said it (the suggestion) has to be examined.

MADRASA

The Minister of State for Education told Maulana Abdur Rahim (IDL-Barisal) that no order was issued for dissolving the Management Committees of the Madrasas by the Government. But he said an order was promulgated in February 1978 for formation of the management committees of the non-government madrasas.

Mr Abdul Baten informed Dr Mohammed Osman Ghani (Ind-Mymensingh) that the Government had received reports of enquiry commissions for five universities between March 18, 1977, and November 6, 1978. Those are on Jahangirnagar University (March 18, 1977), Agricultural University (August 12, 1977), Rajshahi University (December 31, 1977), Chittagong University (July 3, 1978) and Engineering and Technology University (November 6, 1978).

The State Minister said that those reports were being examined and the question of their publication was under consideration.

In reply to a supplementary by the same questioner, the Minister of State for Education said that the examination of the reports required much time after which a decision on their publication would be taken.

In reply to supplementary question of Mr Salahuddin Yusuf (AL Malek-Khulna), Mr Abdul Baten said that the reports could be made available to the House if they were published.

ISLAMIC VARSITY

State Minister for Education told the House that the Government had taken decision to set up Islamic University but the site for the proposed university had not yet been selected.

In reply to a question from A.S.M. Solaiman the State Minister said that so far the Government had not received any grant from any quarter for the University. However, he added, the Iraqi Government had promised in writing to provide some grant.

Replying to a supplementary from Mr Sulaiman, Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman, who is in charge of the Education Ministry, said that the proposed Islamic University would be different from that of one in Santosh. In reply to another supplementary, the Prime Minister said that the university might be set up in Jessore.